

### Amendments to the Claims

Neither of the two immediately preceding After Final amendments was entered. Therefore, **Claim 4** and **Claims 19** through **25** as amended in the response dated 6 August 2003 remain pending. Please replace the previous set of pending claims with the following complete set of pending claims.

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4. (Currently Amended) ~~An active external change~~ A changing aid for assisting in the application or removal of articles worn externally on the body of a wearer, the active external change aid comprising a mat and at least one effect generating element mechanism joined to the mat, the effect generating mechanism comprising a magnet, an air jet, or a thermal cell and being capable of moving adapted to move at least a portion of ~~the~~ an article adapted to be worn externally on a body of a wearer from a first point to a second point during an application of the article onto the body or a removal of the article from the body to thereby assist in the application or the removal, ~~the effect generating element being capable of emitting energy, wherein the at least one effect generating element is selected from the group consisting of a magnet, an air jet, and a thermal cell.~~
19. (Currently Amended) ~~An active external change~~ A changing aid for assisting in the application or removal of articles worn externally on the body of a wearer, the active external change aid comprising a mat and at least one effect generating element, mechanism joined to the mat, wherein the effect generating element performs a transformation which modifies mechanism being adapted to transform at least a portion of ~~the~~ an article adapted to be worn externally on a body of a wearer from a first condition to at least one second condition during an application of the article onto the body or a removal of the article from the body to thereby assist in the application or the removal.
20. (Currently Amended) The ~~active external change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises a~~ effect generating mechanism is adapted to transform the portion of the article to change in a material property within the article.
21. (Currently Amended) The ~~active external change~~ changing aid of Claim 20 wherein the ~~change in~~ material property is a change in flexibility, a size, a tackiness, or combinations a combination thereof.
22. (Currently Amended) The ~~active external change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the effect generating ~~element produces~~ mechanism is adapted to produce a thermal effect, a magnetic field, or an electric current.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises an activation or deactivation of~~ effect generating mechanism is adapted to transform the portion of the article to activate or deactivate an adhesive.
24. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation is temporary~~ effect generating mechanism is adapted to temporarily transform the portion of the article.
25. (Currently Amended) The ~~active-external-change~~ changing aid of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises connecting~~ effect generating mechanism is adapted to transform the portion of the article to connect a first portion of the article with a second portion of the article.